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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,838,764
AL German PS 4 200 654
AM German OS 30 09 496

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterpart to Reference AA, and References AL and AM, were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European application corresponding to the present United States application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are also submitted herewith.

English translations of References AL and AM are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of those references has an English language abstract thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination or in combination with the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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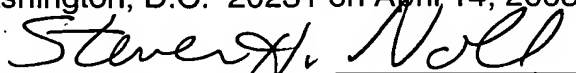
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